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MEMORANDUM

TO: LME Directors

FROM: J. Michael Hennike, Interim Chief
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RE: 3 Region Announcement

As you know, the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services has given preliminary approval to a proposed rule change to reconfigure the State's regions for institutional services from four to three. This change was initially developed to address the replacement of Dorothea Dix and John Umstead Hospitals by the new Central Regional Hospital and is not proposed to go into effect until late 2006. The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Substance Abuse Services recently announced a change in the mission of O'Berry Center to serve primarily as a specialized nursing facility for individuals with developmental disabilities. This change in mission necessitates an earlier implementation date for the three region model for the Developmental Centers.

Effective immediately Caswell Center will serve the Eastern Region of North Carolina for all persons appropriate for services provided by one of the state's Developmental Centers. Murdoch Center will serve the new Central Region and the Riddle Center will provide services to the Western Region. This will mean that in addition to the current Eastern Region counties, Caswell Center will serve the Southeastern Regional LME counties, Johnston, Cumberland, and Wayne. Murdoch Center will serve Wake, Sandhills, and Halifax in addition to the North Central Region LMEs. Riddle Center will serve the current Western Region Local Management Entities plus Crossroads LME.

This implementation applies to the Developmental Centers only at this time. Other state facilities (Psychiatric Hospitals and ADATC's) will transition to the defined three regions later in 2006.

If you have questions regarding services at the Developmental Centers, please contact Danny Rice, Specialized Services Director for Caswell Center at 252-208-3764; Jeff Holden, Specialized Services Director for Murdoch Center at 919-575-1070; or Anita Hodges, Specialized Services Director for Riddle Center at 828-438-6512.

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